

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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## A Teacher's Prayer

Each time, before I face my  
class, I hesitate a while,  
And ask the Father, "Help me,  
Lord, to understand each child.

"Help me to see in every one a  
precious soul, most dear;  
And may I lead that child  
Through paths of wonder—  
not of fear.

"Dear Father, as they look to  
me for Christian guidance true,  
I look to Thee and humbly ask  
that Thou wilt teach me, too."

—Nellie Pease Gorbett

## In Days Gone By

On May 22, 1868 the Great Train Robbery took place near Marshfield, Indiana. Seven members of the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in cash, gold and bonds.

**A Christian's Life  
is the  
World's Bible**

## Church Etiquette

1. Come early. Rushing in to the building at the last minute disrupts the service.

2. Take a place toward the front of the auditorium. Leave the rear seats for those who must be late and for visitors. This is a common courtesy.

3. Be devout — the church building is not a place of amusement. You come to worship God, not to whisper, nor lounge, or sleep. God's house deserves utmost respect.

4. Always remember that strangers are guests of the church members. Treat them with the same courtesy you would if they should visit your home.

5. Never rush for the door after the benediction as though the house were on fire. Remain to speak and be spoken to.

6. Remember at all times that you are in the house of God, and act accordingly.

What should not be heard by little ears, should not be said by big mouths!

## How Rich Are We?

From the standpoint of material wealth, Americans have difficulty realizing how rich we are. Going through a little mental exercise, let us count how God has blessed America. Imagine doing the following, and you will see how daily life is for a billion people in the world.

- Take out all the furniture in your home except for one table and a couple of chairs. Use blankets or pads for beds.
- Take away all of your clothing except for your oldest dress or suit, shirt or blouse. Leave only one pair of shoes.
- Empty the pantry and refrigerator except for a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a few potatoes, some onions and a dish of dried beans.
- Dismantle the bathroom, shut off the running water, and remove all electrical wiring in your house.
- Take away the house itself and move the family into the toolshed.
- Place your "house" in shantytown.
- Cancel all subscriptions of newspapers, magazines and book clubs. There is no great loss because now none of you can read anyway.
- Leave only one radio for the whole shantytown.
- Move the nearest hospital or clinic 10 miles away and put a midwife in charge instead of a doctor.
- Throw away your bankbooks, stock certificates, pension plans and insurance policies. Leave the family a cash hoard of \$10.
- Give the head of the family a few acres on which he can raise a few hundred dollars of cash crops, of which one-third will go to the landlord and one-tenth to the money lenders.
- Lop off 25 or more years in life expectancy.

How rich we are by comparison! And with our wealth comes responsibility to use it wisely, not to be wasteful, and generously and sacrificially to support the ministry of the Lord's church.

Remember: *"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver"* (II Cor. 9:6, 7).

—Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Red Oak, Texas

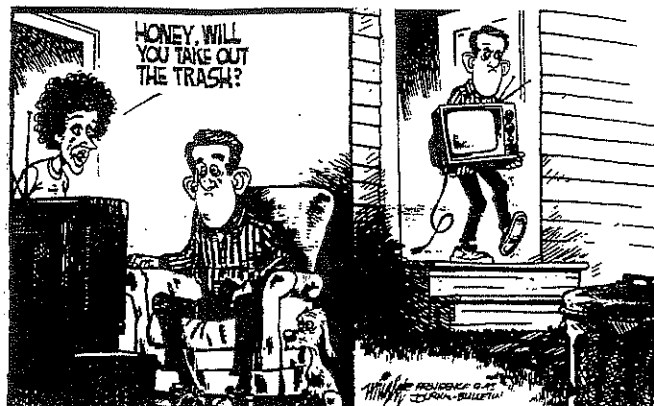
## Don't Wait Too Late!

A MAN'S house is on fire. At the first sign of smoke, he rushes out to buy a fire extinguisher. Before he returned the roof and walls collapsed in flames on his goods.

When one is sick, and the operation begins, it is too late to take medicine. When the battle begins, it is too late to train the troops.

Many resent being told that they need to get ready. But when the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time will be no more, it will be too late. When the Lord returns in judgment, it will be too late (Revelation 22:10-12; Matthew 25:1-13).

Accept Christ and live for him now (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; II Peter 1:4-11).—*Adapted*



## What is the Church?

THE CHURCH is never a place, but always a people. It is never a fold, but always a flock. Never a sacred building, but always a faithful assembly. The church is not a refrigerator for the preserving of perishable piety; it's a dynamo for charging the human will with the power of the gospel. The object of the church is not to tell men how to dodge difficulties, but to furnish strength and courage to meet them. The business of the church is not to furnish beds of ease for the lazy. It is rather to offer fitting yokes for drawing life's loads. There is no sanctuary for God here below but the soul.—*Adapted*

## FORGETTING THE PAST

If you've told the Lord you're sorry  
For the things that you have done,  
And you know that you're forgiven,  
In the name of His dear Son,  
You will never need to worry,  
Over anything you've said;  
Once the Lord forgives and pardons,  
All your past to Him is dead.

You don't need to keep repeating,  
And reminding Him each day,  
Of the sins you once committed,  
And how far you went astray;  
When you've asked the Lord for mercy,  
And His Spirit dwells inside,  
You are free and free forever,  
If the blood has been applied.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
And the future is our goal;  
All the past should be forgotten,  
Once the Lord has saved our soul.  
We must ever keep on watching,  
With our gaze upon the skies,  
With a hope that is eternal,  
That brings joy into our eyes.

Yes, the past has gone forever,  
"Praise the Lord, in Him we stand,"  
And He's promised He will keep us  
In the hollow of His hand;  
Let's forget the life behind us,  
Covered by the crimson tide,  
And keep looking unto Jesus,  
Our redeemer, friend and guide.

— Walt Huntley

I like an exam,  
I think it's fun;  
I never cram, and  
I don't flunk one.  
I'm the teacher!

# Miscellaneous.

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## GOD IS NEVER IN A HURRY

He is never pressed for time...

He will give you His full attention beyond all reason or rhyme!

God is never early...nor is He late. He's there whenever we call  
...never busy somewhere else... He's GOD, after all!!

God lives outside of time, so He never has to rush.

He can do a gazillion other things while giving His full attention to us!

This ought to fill us with hope  
and expectations midst life's crunches.

Plus, the assurance He'll never leave us...

even when strife comes in bunches!

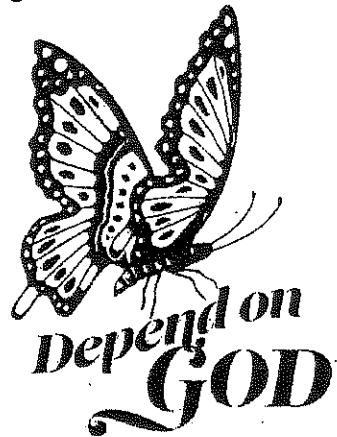
Such an offer takes my breath away and we  
should never think it odd,

but it should bring us to shame...

if we become too busy for God!

No, God is never in a hurry, and, here, I'd  
just like to mention...

Always, always, always, we have  
His full, penetrating, undivided attention!



## The Hundred Gun Salute

During the opening ceremonies of the Missouri State Fair, the governor was honored with a nineteen gun salute. The emcee explained that a twenty-one gun salute would mean that the president was in attendance.

My eight-year-old son, Brady, asked me what it would mean if it had been a 100-gun salute. I said I didn't know.

"Well," he said. "I bet it means that God is in town!"

## Not All Sixty-Six of 'Em

After church a small boy announced to his mother: "When I grow up, I want to be a pastor. It's an easy job!"

"Why do you say that?" his mother asked.

"Because you only have to read one book," the boy replied.

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Forget yesterday-- it has already forgotten you. Don't sweat tomorrow-- you haven't even met. Instead, open your eyes and your heart to a truly precious gift-- today.